

QUIZ #4 - this quiz contributes 11% to your grade.

110 points total

1. (10 points) We are given n positive numbers a_1, \dots, a_n . A selection S of the numbers is called **valid** if no two consecutive numbers are selected in S . The goal is to find a valid selection of the numbers with the maximal sum. We are going to give an $O(n)$ -time dynamic programming algorithm for the problem. We will have a table $P[1..n]$ where

$P[i]$ = the maximal sum of a valid selection of the first i numbers.

Give an expression (or a piece of code) for $P[i]$ in terms of $P[i-2]$, $P[i-1]$, and a_i .

$$P[i] =$$

2. (20 points) A **shuffle** of two strings A, B is formed by interspersing the characters into a new string, keeping the characters of A and B in the same order (for example, 'several' is a shuffle of 'seal' and 'evr'). Given three strings $A = a_1 \dots a_n$, $B = b_1 \dots b_m$, and $C = c_1 \dots c_{m+n}$, we would like to verify whether C is a shuffle of A and B . We are going to solve the problem using dynamic programming. We will compute a table $T[1..n, 1..m]$, where

$$T[i, j] = \begin{cases} \text{true} & \text{if } c_1 \dots c_{i+j} \text{ is a shuffle of } a_1 \dots a_i \text{ and } b_1 \dots b_j, \\ \text{false} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Give an expression (or a piece of code) for $T[i, j]$ (in terms of previously computed values of T and elements of A, B, C).

$$T[i, j] =$$

3. (15 points) Let $X = x_1, \dots, x_m$, $Y = y_1, \dots, y_n$, and $Z = z_1, \dots, z_\ell$ be three sequences. Our goal is to compute the length of the longest common subsequence of X, Y , and Z . We will have a 3-dimensional table $T[0..m, 0..n, 0..\ell]$, where $T[i, j, k]$ will be the length of the longest common subsequence of x_1, \dots, x_i , y_1, \dots, y_j , and z_1, \dots, z_k . Give an expression (or a piece of code) to compute $T[i, j, k]$ from the previously computed values in T .

4. (10 points) In the KNAPSACK PROBLEM we have n items. The weight of the i -th item is Q_i and the value of the i -th item is Z_i . Assume that the Q_i 's are small integers. Let C be the capacity of the knapsack (assume that C is an integer). We will compute an array $K[0..C, 0..n]$, where

$K[B, i]$ = the maximal total value of a subset of items $\{1, \dots, i\}$ with total weight at most B .

Give an expression (or a piece of code) for $K[B, i]$ in terms of some of the $K[?, i - 1]$ (the question mark should be replaced by appropriate expressions).

$$K[v, i] =$$

5. (30 points) Let a_1, \dots, a_n and b_1, \dots, b_m be two sequences of numbers. We would like to find **the longest common increasing subsequence** of a_1, \dots, a_n and b_1, \dots, b_m . Give a *dynamic programming algorithm* for the problem. Clearly and succinctly describe: 1) the table are you using, 2) how do you recover the final answer from the table, and 3) the update rule.

6. (25 points) We are given a collection of n intervals I_1, \dots, I_n . Each interval $I_i = [a_i, b_i]$ is assigned some weight w_i . We want to find the max-weight subset of disjoint intervals, i.e., we want to find $S \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that

- for any distinct $j, k \in S$ the intervals I_j and I_k are disjoint, and
- the $\sum_{j \in S} w_j$ is maximized.

Give an $O(n^2)$ -time *dynamic programming algorithm* for this problem. Clearly and succinctly describe: 1) the table are you using, 2) how do you recover the final answer from the table, and 3) the update rule.

(To simplify the problem assume that the a_i and b_i are all distinct.)